

# WRITERS IN VIRGINIA DIRECTORY

## V-Z

### VERMILLION, Patricia Flower      Poetry

125 Garrett Drive  
Hampton, VA 23669  
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**Publications:** Poetry in *Architrave: A Journal of the Arts*, *The Writer*, *Poet*, *Thema*, *Orphic Lute*, *Theology Today*, *Black Bear Review*, *BlackWater Review* and several anthologies

**Awards/Honors:** First place, Chesapeake Bay Branch - NLAPW Poetry Contest (1999); first place, Poetry Society of Virginia (1995, 1994); finalist, Poetry Society of Virginia (1993); first place, Christopher Newport University (CNU) Writers Conference Prize for Poetry (1997, 1996); first place, CNU Writers Conference Prize for Juvenile Fiction (1994, 1990); first place, CNU Writers Conference Prize for Fiction (1993); finalist, Connecticut Poetry Society (1992); first place, Tidewater Writers Competition (poetry); first place, Blue Skies Prize for Juvenile Fiction (1995, 1993)

**Readings/Workshops:** Readings at Blue Skies Art Gallery, Hampton Arts Center, Thomas Nelson Community College, Rappahannock Community College, Christopher Newport University, St. John's Church, Grace Church, St. Luke's Church; coordinator and reader for the 1994 Writers' Harvest; Artist-in-Education Residency Programs (1993-present) at R.E. Lee Elementary School (Petersburg), Raleigh Court Elementary School (Roanoke), and a workshop as an Appomattox Training Curriculum Specialist in Hampton

**Teaching:** Christopher Newport University, St. Leo College, Langley Air Force Base

**Fees:** Negotiable

**Preferences:** All ages  
All regions

### VLANNES, Peppino N.      Poetry

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Fairfax, VA 22031-1304  
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703/280-0274 (fax)

**Publications:** Poetry in *Poems of the World*, Vols. 3, #'s 2-4 (1998-1999), *Poets Anonymous* (1995, 1997), *The Sound of Poetry* (1995), *Kaleidoscopes in Rhyme* (1994), *The Senior Connection* (1994), *Voices of the South* (1993), *Poets' Voice* (1992), *Yarn Spinner* (1992); *Southern Poetry Association Anthology* (1991-1996), the *National Library of Poetry Anthology* (1995, 1996, 1998)

**Awards/Honors:** Winner, International Society of Poets Poet of Merit Award (1996-1999); winner, Southern Poetry Association's Blue Ribbon Award (1990-1994, 1996, 1998); recipient, National Library of Poetry Editor's Choice Award (1995); Southern Poetry Association's *Who's Who in Poetry* (1994); Southern Poetry Association's Poets Choice Award (1993); others

**Readings/Workshops:** Presentations for the International Society of Poets Convention, Poets Anonymous, the Poetry Society of Virginia, and Duke University's Writers Workshop

**Teaching:** U.S. Military, lectures in schools in Northern Virginia

**Fees:** Negotiable  
Travel expenses are included

**Preferences:** All ages

All regions

**WADE, Karen**

**Poetry**

4521 Stonewall Road, N.E.  
Roanoke, VA 24017  
540/362-3930

**Publications:** Poetry included in *Fly Magazine* (1997), *Appalachian Womens Journal*, *Lonzie's Fried Chicken Literary Journal* (1998), and *BMA The Sonia Sanchez Literary Review* (1998), *Rhapsody in black* (1998);

**Awards/Honors:** Nomination, *Who's Who of American Women*

**Readings/Workshops:** Readings for numerous community groups in a variety of settings

**Teaching:** Roanoke City Public Schools

**Fees:** Negotiable

**Preferences:** All ages  
All regions

**WALTER, James Miller**

**Poetry**

2721 Carolina Avenue, SW  
Roanoke, VA 24014  
540/345-1356  
212/674-1466

**Publications:** Poetry in *Making An Angel: Poems*, *Hampden-Sydney Poetry Review & Anthology* (1975-1990), *Artemis*, *The New York Times*, *Western Humanities Review*, *Croton Review*, *The Literary Review*, *The New York Quarterly*, *Pulpsmith*, *Poet Lore*, *The Gallatin Review*

**Awards/Honors:** Recipient, Charles Angoff Award for Excellence in Poetry (1982)

**Readings/Workshops:** Presentations at the University of Rhode Island, Hofstra University, New York University, the Blue Ridge Writers Conference, Hollins University, Figaro Coffee House (Greenwich Village, New York City)

**Teaching:** Colorado State University, New York University (Emeritus Professor of English)

**Fees:** Negotiable

**Preferences:** Adults and students (9-12)

**WATKINS, Steve    Fiction, Poetry & Creative Non-Fiction**

1408 Stafford Avenue  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
540/371-3935  
swatkins@mwc.edu

**Publications:** Book, *The Black O: Racism and Redemption in an American Corporate Empire* (1997); poetry, stories, articles in *North American Review*, *Poets & Writers*, *The World*, *Witness*, *The Nation*, *LA Weekly*, *Quarterly West*, *George Mason Review*, *Georgetown Review*, *Mississippi Review*, *Sun Dog - The Southeast Review*, *Snake Nation Review*, *Sequoia*, *Crescent Review*, *Greensboro Review*, *Short Story*, *Sonora Review*, *Denver Quarterly*, *Confrontation*, *Fiction and Drama*, *Mediphors*, *The Washington Review*, *The Pushcart Prize Anthology*, *New Mexico Humanities Review*

**Awards/Honors:** Winner, Virginia College Store Association's Best Book by a Virginia Writer (1997); finalist, Southern Regional Council's Lillian Ross Non-Fiction Book Award; winner, Pushcart Prize; winner, *Snake*

*Nation* Fiction Prize; finalist, Flannery O'Connor Award; semi-finalist (twice), University of Iowa Short Fiction Award; first prize, Charlie Award; second prize, Charlie Award; Florida Magazine Association Feature Writing Award; second place, *Playboy* College Fiction Award; finalist, PEN/Nelson Algren Award for Novel-in-Progress, and others

**Readings/Workshops:** Numerous presentations in Florida, North Carolina and Virginia

**Teaching:** Florida State University, Mary Washington College

**Fees:** Negotiable  
Travel expenses are not included

**Preferences:** All ages  
All regions

## **WEBB, Evelyn Dunbar    Fiction (adult & juvenile), Poetry & Creative Non-Fiction**

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**Publications:** Poetry in *Hail, Muse!*, *The Greater Lynchburg Guide*, *Cairn*, *The Gihon River Review*; poetry for young readers, *Bats in the Belfry* (in progress); fiction, *Ethelred in the Land of Time* (2002), *Aresti: Planet of the Red God* (in progress), and other creative non-fiction and articles

**Awards/Honors:** Second place, *Battle of the Bard Poets' Contest* (2002); honorable mention, *American Academy of Poets Prize* (2001); third place, *Margaret Walker Memorial Poetry Prize* (2001); first place, *Helen Calvert Ekphrasis Award* (2001); honorable mention, *Margaret I. Raynal Fiction Award* (2000)

**Readings/Workshops:** Readings at The Lipscomb Library Reading Chain and Bookends; workshops at the University of Connecticut at Avery

**Teaching:** University of Connecticut (Avery)

**Fees:** Negotiable

**Preferences:** All ages  
All regions

## **WHEELER, Lesley                      Poetry**

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Lexington, VA 24450  
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Washington & Lee University  
Department of English  
Lexington, VA 24450  
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**Publications:** Poetry in *American Writing*, *Critical Matrix*, *Northeast Journal*, *American Standard*, *SPSM&H*, *Interim*; in addition to essays and reviews

**Awards/Honors:** Class of 1962 and Hewlett-Mellon Fellow Endowments (2000-2001), AAUW Summer Faculty Fellowship (1996), Garden State Fellowship (1989-1993); Glenn Grants (1995-2002), Robert E. Lee Research Grant (1995), among other grants and fellowships

**Readings/Workshops:** Readings at Washington & Lee University, Princeton University

**Teaching:** Washington & Lee University, Princeton University, Young Scholars Institute

**Fees:** Negotiable

**Preferences:** All ages  
All regions

## **WIRKNER, Linda**

## **Fiction**

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Yorktown, VA 23692  
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**Publications:** Story in *The YG Book of Short Stories* (1999); books, *Mystery of the Blue-Gowned Ghost* (1994), *Moby Dick*, an adaptation (1998), *Summer Romance* (1985), *Martinis* (1998); stories in *Appleseeds*, *Boys' Quest*, *Hopscotch*, *Child Life*, *Children's Digest*, *Guideposts for Kids*, *Young Generation*, *The Flicker*, *Dolphin Log*, *Key Horizons*, *Byline*, *Vibrant Life*, *On the Line*, and others

**Awards/Honors:** Work selected for the Children's Book Council Summer Reading List

**Readings/Workshops:** Numerous conference presentations

**Teaching:** Christopher Newport University Continuing Education; Institute of Children's Literature

**Fees:** Negotiable

**Preferences:** All ages  
All regions

## **WOODCOCK, Diana**

## **Poetry**

12212 Wiesinger Lane  
Midlothian, VA 23113  
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dgwoodcock@vcu.edu

**Publications:** *The World and I*, *White Heron*, *The Homestead Review*, *Small Brushes*, *Creative Juices*, *Pudding Magazine*, *Riverrun*, *Boys' Quest*, *Sandcutters*, *Trails in Black Canyon*, *Insects are People Too*, Native West's *Least Loved Beasts of the Really Wild West*, Pig Iron Press's *Frontier: Custom and Archtype*

**Awards/Honors:** Second Place/Honorable Mention, Virginia Commonwealth University's Graduate Award for Poetry (2003)

**Readings/Workshops:** 1708 Gallery (Richmond, Virginia), VCU's Movable Feast, Richmond Hill Retreat Center

**Teaching:** Virginia Commonwealth University, VCU-Qatar College of Design Arts (fall, 2004 to spring, 2005)

**Fees:** Negotiable

**Preferences:** All regions  
All ages (retreats, senior centers, prisons, juvenile correctional facilities, ESL classes)

## **WRIGHT, Charles**

## **Poetry**

940 Locust Avenue  
Charlottesville, VA 22901

804/979-2373

**Publications:** Collections of poetry, *Black Zodiac* (2000), *Appalachia* (2000), *Negative Blue* (2000), *Chickamauga* (1995), *The World of the Ten Thousand Things* (1990), *Zone Journals* (1988), *The Other Side of the River* (1984), *Country Music: Selected Early Poems* (1982), *The Southern Cross* (1981), *China Trace* (1977), *Bloodlines* (1975), *Hard Freight* (1973), *The Grave of the Right Hand* (1970); chapbooks and pamphlets of poetry and poems in various journals and anthologies

**Awards/Honors:** Winner, The Pulitzer Prize for Poetry; National Book Critics Circle Award; *The Los Angeles Times* Book Prize; Virginia Prize for Poetry; National Endowment for the Arts' Fellowship; Guggenheim Fellowship; Academy of American Poets Edgar Allan Poe Award; recipient, American Academy and Institute of Arts & Letters Award; co-winner, National Book Award for Poetry; Ingram Merrill Fellowships; winner, Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize, others

**Readings/Workshops:** George Mason University, Emory & Henry College, The College of William & Mary, Virginia Tech, Randolph-Macon College, and others

**Teaching:** University of Virginia, University of California (Irvine), University of Iowa, Columbia University, Princeton University

**Fees:** \$2,000 (reading)

**Preferences:** Adults  
All regions

## **ZIEGLER, Irene**                      **Fiction**

(aka Irene Aston or Irene Ziegler Aston)  
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**Publications:** Collection of short stories, *Rules of the Lake* (1999)

**Awards/Honors:** Winner, New York Public Library Best Book Award; Winner, Mary Roberts Rinehart Award in Drama; Recipient, Fellowship in Fiction from the Virginia Commission for the Arts; Winner, *Community Writers' Association* Short Story Award; 2nd Place Winner, *Redbook Magazine* Fiction Award; Finalist, *Redbook Magazine* Fiction Award; Winner, *Nit and Wit Magazine* Fiction Award; Winner and 3rd Place, *Irene Leach Memorial Foundation* Award for Fiction; Winner, *Hemingway Days Festival* Short Story Award; 2nd Place Winner, *Connecticut Writer* Fifth Annual Writing Award; 3rd Place Winner, *Whiskey Island* Fiction Award; Henry Hoyns Fellow in Fiction, University of Virginia; Silver Screen Award, US International Film & Video Festival; Golden Eagle CINE Award; HR Magazine's Top Ten Human Resource Training Product; Gold CINDY Award

**Readings/Workshops:** Extensive experience

**Fees:** \$500 (Negotiable)

**Preferences:** All ages  
All regions

## **ZIMET, Kristin Camitta**                      **Poetry**

217 Brookneill Drive  
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**Publications:** Book of poetry, *Take in My Arms the Dark* (1999); poetry in *Appalachian Heritage*, *Long Island Quarterly*, *Cold Mountain Review*, *Sow's Ear*, *SunDog*, *Appalachian Journal*, and other magazines; poems in

*HomeWorks: A Book of Tennessee Writers, Frontier: Custom and Archetype and Grrr*

**Awards/Honors:** Winner, *Appalachian Heritage's* Denny C. Plattner Award for Excellence in Poetry (1997); recipient, *Now and Then* Award (1994)

**Readings/Workshops:** Readings in Virginia, Texas, New York, Colorado, Tennessee, Connecticut, and at Swarthmore College (Pennsylvania)

**Fees:** Negotiable

**Preferences:** All ages  
All regions

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